Capacity of Antah Gas Power Project

*117. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for doubling the capacity of Antah Gas Power Project in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The State Government had proposed doubling the capacity of the Gas based Combined Cycle Power Project being set up in the Central Sector at Antah in Rajasthan.

The proposal could be considered when the additional quantity of gas required for the purpose is committed.

Closure of Thermal Power Stations

*118. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of thermal power stations which have been closed down as on date; and

(b) what are the reasons for their closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The State Electricity Boards are competent to close down their thermal stations when they have outlived their usefulness. The Central Electricity Authority does not monitor such stations which have been closed down; the Authority monitor power stations with a capacity of 20 MW and above which are operational. No thermal station of a power utility in the Central sector has been closed down in the last three years.

The State-wise number of thermal units which were under shutdown on 27th April, 1988 is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). The units were under shutdown due to reasons such as planned maintenance, renovation and modernisation works, tube leakages, repair and replacement of parts and other forced outage factors.

Statement

State	No. of units under shutdown
Delhi	1
Haryana	4
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	10
Gujarat	5
Madhya Pradesh	11
Maharashtra	8
Karnataka	7

State	No. of units under shutdown
Tamil Nadu	2
Bihar	8
Orissa	4
West Bengal	9
Assam	4
TOTAL	71
2. Central Sector	18
3. Private Sector	3
GRAND TOTAL	92

Demands of extra departmental employees

*119. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the demands of the ED employees that:

(i) 20 per cent of clerical posts be reserved for ED staff as recommended by the Savoor Committee;

(ii) put-off duty be treated as suspension; and

(iii) recruitment to the cadre of Postman, Village Postman, Mail-guard be made on the basis of the old syllabus;

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction about each demand; and

(c) whether various other recommendations of the Savoor Committee with regard to ED employees have been considered; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) (i), (ii) and (iii) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demands at (i) and (iii) have been considered but rejected, while (ii) is under consideration.

(c) All the 171 recommendations of the Savoor Committee were considered by the Government and recommendations of the Committee with decision taken by the Postal Services Board and each item was furnished while implementing assurance during 141st Session, 1987 of Rajya Sabha relating to Unstarred Question No. 1816 dated 11-3-1987.

Price control of vitamin products

*120. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3525 given in the